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LOU STEPS DOWN

It was with great disappointment for most CAWMC members, I'm sure, when in the October 1994 issue of Timber Talk we read our president's message announcing that Lou Vesh was giving up the editorship of this newsletter. I, for one, always looked forward to the prompt arrival of "Timber Talk" in the early part of each month. You could always rely on it to arrive regularly. Reliability is just one of the many qualities of our past editor. Lou has become known for his high caliber work and his meticulous detail. This newsletter and his personal woods are an obvious reflection of those qualities.

For more than two years now, Lou and his wife Yvonne, have issued an outstanding newsletter each month. They have put into those newsletters, many hours of work for our information and pleasure. On behalf of the entire membership, to you, Lou and Yvonne, we say a huge "THANK YOU". You truly will be an intimidating act to follow.

NEW EDITOR

As the one who will attempt to take over the reins as your new editor, I should introduce myself. Many of you are saying, "Who is Ross Kingdon?, I've never heard of him." I live in Bramalea, which is part of the city of Brampton, just west of Toronto. I have been an avid wooden nickel collector for a number of years and while unknown to most of the membership, I do hope to get to know and meet many more of you as a result of being editor.

I do admit that I did give this task passing consideration in early October, but felt that the time was not right as my job of running a large elementary public school was just too demanding and time consuming. Since, however, no other interested person has surfaced, I will give it a shot.

As our president, Pat White, has indicated, Lou's shoes will be hard to fill. If I can do half as good a job as he and Yvonne have done, I will feel somewhat successful. I will try to carry on many of the changes made by Lou, for I believe "If it ain't broke, don't try to fix it." (I know this isn't acceptable grammar.) In carrying on, I need your help. This is **your** newsletter. I simply try to put it together in an acceptable format for you. I encourage you to submit material to me for publishing. Please send to me any new woods that you issue, upcoming show information, interesting anecdotes etc., so that I can publish this to the membership. I look forward to hearing from you.

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH

This has been both an irritant and a pleasure for many of us in the past. I, for one, really enjoyed receiving the complimentary wood each month, but nine out of every ten woods I received were broken. Lou tried to solve the problem by holding all free wood issues and making one shipment. This shipment was sent out at considerable, personal expense to him (extra postage, packaging etc.).

I am going to revert to the old method of distribution, whereby the free wood will be enclosed each month. If you wish me to hold yours back until we meet at a future show, I will attempt to do so. (For example: I plan on being in Calgary for the 1995 C.N.A.) I could deliver personally, woods to that point for those who inform me of the hold back and plan to meet me there. If a small group, in a particular part of the country, wanted to get together and have theirs held back, this would also be acceptable. We could arrange for some sort of group delivery.



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DUES: Membership dues in the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors is \$10.00 per calendar year and should be forwarded to our Membership Chairman - Ron Zelk at R.P.O. Box 77575, 592 Sheppard Ave. W., Downsview, Ont. Canada, M3H 6A7.

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH



This month's wood is donated courtesy of Dave Gillespie, Orangeville, Ont. Dave took 150 of his remaining CNA 1994 woods and over stamped each with the Orangeville "Northmen" Jr. Lacrosse Assoc. logo. This logo is used by the Orangeville Jr. Lacrosse Assoc. The Northmen were the 1993 Canadian champions - winners of the prestigious Minto Cup, defeating Coquitlam, B.C., in four straight games.



MEMBERSHIP DUES

Enclosed with your Dec. '94 newsletter was a flyer which hopefully reminded you that memberships for 1995 are now due. Don't procrastinate, please fill it out and mail it in to our membership chairman, Ron Zelk. This would also be a good time to enclose an article for publishing. Ron will pass it on to me.

NEED DONATIONS

In order for our approximately 135 current members to receive a "Free Wood of the Month", we need donations. At present, we have enough for only two months. If donations are not forthcoming, we may have to revert to a random issuing of two or three woods currently on hand in order to make enough to total 135.

Many of you have been very generous in the past with your donations. Please give this serious consideration when issuing your next wooden nickel.



BITS OF KINDLING !! (from your editor)

- You should know that C.A.W.M.C. will celebrate its 20th anniversary at the CNA in Calgary in 1995.
- 1995 is an election year- think about running for office or nominating someone for an elected position.
- Last issue of "Timber Talk" will be February 1995, if your membership is not renewed.
- The O.N.A. 1995 is scheduled for April 21-23 in Guelph at the College Inn hosted by the Stratford Coin Club.
- Norm Belsten informs me that he knows of approximately 91 new Canadian wood issues since CNA 1994.(this includes the CNA 1994 woods)
- A big "Thank You" to James Wilson of Ajax, Ontario for his generous donation to CAWMC.
- Pat White thinks he has found a previously uncatalogued wood-more information to come in a future newsletter.
- There's talk about a new wood being designed to promote O.N.A. 1996.(looking away ahead)

Shown below is a little bit of history. The page shown was the only one which listed woods in the 1957 Canadian Tokens Catalogue. Our current Canadian catalogue lists over 5500 woods.

1957

THE CANADIAN TOKENS CATALOGUE

A General Listing of Tokens

PART VI. OF THE CANADA COIN CATALOGUE

by Neil Carmichael

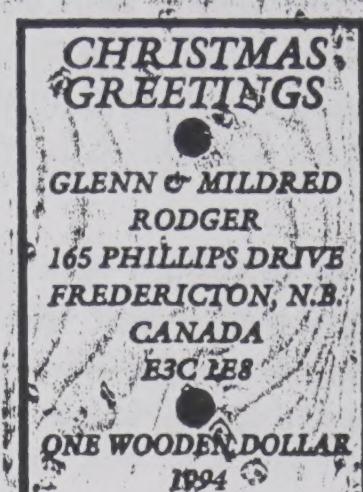
(Second Edition)

CANADIAN WOODEN NICKELS

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| 5c Gananoque, Ontario, 1954 | Price 25c |
| 5c Kitchener, Ontario, 1954 Centennial Celebration of the "City of Talent" | Price 25c |
| 5c Lindsay, Ontario, 1956 | Price 25c |
| 5c London, Ontario, 1955 Centennial of "The Forest City" | Price 25c |
| 5c Niagara Falls, Ontario, 1955 Maid of the Mist | Price 25c |
| 5c Prescott, Ontario, 1938 to commemorate a century of peace "at the Crossroads of the Continent" | Price \$1.00 |
| 7½c Sault Ste. Marie, 1955. First Hundred Years of the "Soo Locks" | Price 25c |
| 5c Toronto, Ontario, 1955. Canada Coin Exchange | Price 25c |
| 5c Whitby, Ontario, 1955. Centenary celebration "The County Town" | Price 25c |

The coins were generally of thick wood about the size of a twenty-five cent piece, with the exception of the Sault Ste. Marie and the Canada Coin Exchange nickels which were of a large size and a thinner piece. The first wooden nickel was the one issued by Prescott. Although in the U.S. many wooden nickels have been issued it was not until 1938 the Prescott appeared. The Sault Ste. Marie coin was a 7½c piece nicknamed a dickel (half way between a dime and a nickel).

Page Three



Shown above is the Christmas flat from Glenn and Mildred Rodger - actual size 3 1/2" x 2 1/2". Printing is all black, church and background are a light blue. The wood is shellacked. Unfortunately, the church side photocopies very poorly.

These last two pages are courtesy of Norm Belsten - photo ready. Thanks Norm.

WE HAVE A NEW EDITOR, EH

First, speaking for all C.A.W.M.C. members, I would like to thank Lou Vesh and his able assistant Yvonne, for the wonderful job of editing Timber Talk over the last few years. I am sure all C.A.W.M.C. members will agree that he did a GREAT JOB. He brought a few innovations to the monthly bulletin, and went out of his way to acquire articles and information for Timber Talk. Lou will still be a contributor to Timber Talk, and will assist the new editor to get started.

Second I would like to say a few words about our new editor, Ross Kingdon. Ross has agreed to become the editor of Timber Talk under some trying circumstances, his wife is recovering from a very serious car accident that occurred in October, and he has a very busy schedule with his job. Although many of you may not know Ross to well, he is a long time member of C.A.W.M.C. #131 having joined in 1977. I am sure that Ross will do his utmost to continue the standard that Lou set for the bulletin. I hope that he gets the continued support for woods and articles form the members of C.A.W.M.C.. Remember an editor is only as good as the material he has to work with. So why not take some time and write a short note on what you would like to see in Timber Talk, or an article for the new editor to publish.

Norm Belsten C - 45



Well Christmas is here and the New Year is fast approaching it's time to plan for those 1995 shows that you plan to attend. The 95 O.N.A. show in April will be in Guelph, Ontario and the 95 C.N.A. show during July in Calgary, Alberta. In the Maritimes the A.P.N.A. holds spring and fall shows. At all these shows there will be a Wooden Money meeting, of one kind or another, for collectors to attend. These shows offer a good chance for Wooden Money Collectors to pick up by buying or trading for a lot of those issues they need and to add to their collections. Also many new issues are available at the shows. Besides these major shows there are hundreds on small shows put on by the local Coin Clubs in the many different areas of the country. This year also marks the Twentieth Anniversary of C.A.W.M.C. my how time flies.

XMAS WOODS

COMMON OBV. KNIGHTS OF COL.
B/GR GL/GR

J. & M BRENNAN
R/B B/R

ALL ROUND WOOD
OBV-R REV-GR
COMMON SANTA

OBV FOR
B LATHAM &
D GILLESPIE

Seasons
Greetings



Greetings And
Best Wishes
For Health
Happiness
And
Prosperity
Throughout
The New Year

KNIGHTS
of COLUMBUS
3435
PORT ALBERT B.C.
NEW YEARS EVE BALL

Seasons
Greetings
and
Best Wishes
For a Merry
Christmas
and a Happy
New Year

JANE & MARCELLA
BRENNAN
ORILLIA ONT.



H. & G HARRIS

GR/R GR/R



Best Wishes For Health
Happiness And Prosperity
Throughout The New Year

HOWARD & GRACE HARRIS
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GREELY, ONT. K4P 1M4

CANADIAN SOUVENIR

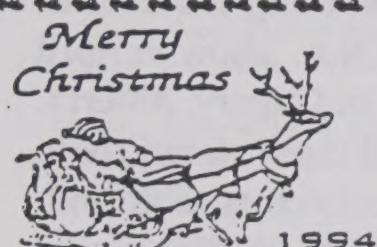
DAVE
GILLESPIE
CREWELICE
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WOODEN 5¢ NICKEL

SEASONS
FROM
BASIL
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GREETINGS

J BRENNAN
OBV & REV



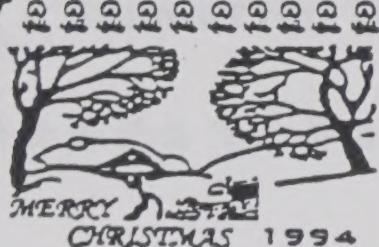
Wishing You a Very
Merry Christmas
And Happy New Year

PAT. SANDRA
EVAN, ROBIN
& BRENNAN WHITE
NEWMARKET, ONT.



J. & T BOXALL

GR/R R/GR



Best Wishes For Health
Happiness And Prosperity
Throughout The New Year

SERINETTE & TED
BOXALL
WILLOWDALE ONT.

SEASONS

FROM
JOHN
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